

## ABSTRACT

A press belt (11; 21; 31; 41; 51; 61; 71; 81) employed for pressurizing a zonal material, endlessly formed by an elastic material with the thickness progressively reduced from a central pressurizing portion ( $C_1$ ;  $C_2$ ;  $C_3$ ;  $C_4$ ;  $C_5$ ;  $C_6$ ;  $C_7$ ) toward end pressurizing portions ( $A_1$ ,  $A_1'$ ;  $A_2$ ,  $A_2'$ ;  $A_3$ ,  $A_3'$ ;  $A_4$ ,  $A_4'$ ;  $A_5$ ,  $A_5'$ ;  $A_6$ ,  $A_6'$ ;  $A_7$ ,  $A_7'$ ). A shoe press comprising at least the aforementioned press belt, a pressure shoe (82) applying pressure to the aforementioned press belt and pressure regulation means (83) regulating the pressure of the pressure shoe. Thus, the pressure can be uniformly applied to a zonal material to be pressurized.